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SUBJECT: U.S. CITIZEN JAREL HAMBENNE

REF: FRANKFURT 3110

1. APPRECIATE REFTEL.
2. HAMBENNE IS AN AMERICAN SCHOLAR (FORMERLY AT U. OF ARIZONE) WHO ACCEPTED CONTRACT WITH AL-HAZAN, IRAQI GOVT INSTITUTION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. AL-HAZAN HAS RECENTLY GONE THROUGH SOME ADMINISTRATIVE TURMOIL, AND THIS APPRENTLY CONTRIBUTED TO HAMBENNE'S DECISION TO LEAVE BEFORE HIS CONTRACT WAS THROUGH.
3. HAMBEEN PHONED IN LATE MARCH TO ALERT US TO HIS PROBLEMS IN GETTING AN EXIT VISA. HE SOUGHT NO HELP AT THAT POINT BUT AGREED TO KEEP IN TOUCH. ON APRIL 6, AFTER CONSULTING WITH HAMBENNE, WE SPOKE WITH DR. ADNAN, THE NEW PRESIDENT OF AL-HAZAN. HE TOLD US TO MAKE AN INQUIRY THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THEN HUNG UP. HAMBENNE DECLINED OUR OFFER TO PURSUE CASE THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY.
4. ALTHOUGH ADNAN HAD REFUSED TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH US, HE APPARENTLY GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO RELEASE HAMBENNE'S

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PASSPORT AND ASSIST IN EXIT FORMALITIES. HAMBENNE CALLED APRIL 12 TO SAY HE DEPARTING NEXT DAY. OUR FOLLOW-UP CALL TO AL-HAZAN ELICITED INFORMATION HE HAD LEFT ON SCHEDULE. REFTEL IS WELCOME CONFIRMATION.
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